



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 13, 2001

Mr. John Bowers  
Treasurer, 55A House District  
Republican Party of Minnesota  
3373 White Bear Ave.  
White Bear Lane, MN 55110

RE: MUR 5188

Dear Mr. Bowers:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") considered the issue of whether the 55A House District Republican Party of Minnesota ("55A House District RPM"), and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) or 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with making a contribution to Newinski for Congress. On March 27, 2001, the Commission found no reason to believe that the 55A House District RPM and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) or 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A). Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter as it pertains to the 55A House District RPM and you, as treasurer.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after it has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Delbert K. Rigsby, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner  
Acting General Counsel

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory R. Baker", is written over the "BY:" label.

Gregory R. Baker  
Acting Associate General Counsel

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